

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, California 93401**

Public Notice No. R3-2008-0059
NPDES No. CAG993003

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE
ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT
FOR
DISCHARGES FROM AQUACULTURE FACILITIES AND AQUARIUMS,
CENTRAL COAST REGION**

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (hereafter, Central Coast Water Board), tentatively proposes to issue waste discharge requirements which place effluent limitations and special conditions on discharges from aquaculture facilities and aquariums to marine waters of the Central Coast Region.

This proposed General Permit is intended to authorize and regulate similar discharges from aquaculture facilities and aquariums (facilities that contain, grow, hold, or study aquatic species) to ocean waters of the State within the Central Coast Region

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the draft order must submit comments in writing to the address above no later than **September 29, 2008**. The Central Coast Water Board will not accept comments or other written submissions on the Draft Order after **September 29, 2008**, unless the Chair rules that exclusion would create a severe hardship and that the late submission will not prejudice any party or the Central Coast Water Board. Any person asking to submit late materials must explain why the materials were not submitted earlier. The Chair will rule at or before the hearing. Late submissions that consist of evidence (as opposed to policy statements or comments) are generally prejudicial unless all designated parties and Central Coast Water Board staff have time to consider the evidence before the meeting.

The Central Coast Water Board will hold a public hearing to obtain public comment and consider reissuing the NPDES Permit at 8:30 a.m. on December 4-5, 2008, at the:

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Interested persons are invited to attend to express their views on permit reissuance. Persons making presentations should confine their statements to these issues. For the accuracy of the record, all important testimony should be submitted in writing. Oral statements should be brief to allow all interested persons time to be heard.

The draft order is posted on the Central Coast Water Board's website:

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/Permits/Index.htm>

The draft order, related documents, and all comments and petitions received may be inspected and copied at the office of the Water Board, 895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101, San Luis Obispo, California, on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Please direct comments and questions to **Ryan Lodge at (805) 549-3506** or rlodge@waterboards.ca.gov, or Burton Chadwick at (805) 542-4786.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of any persons known to you who would be interested in this matter.